

computer design when he showed that a then-obscure branch of mathematics called "Boolean algebra," the algebra of 1's and 0's, could be used to design circuits for computation and switching. The result was what some have called "the most influential master's thesis in history." Shannon's work on cryptography during World War II also formed the modern theoretical framework for secure communication systems.

The Washington Post pointed out in Dr. Shannon's obituary that his achievements are at the core of the technology that delivers the Internet and its various applications, from music to video to e-mail. His work has had applications in fields as diverse as computer science, genetic engineering and neuroanatomy. Some have called his 1948 paper "the Magna Carta of the information age."

Dr. Shannon was also renowned by his friends and colleagues for his eclectic interests and capabilities. He rode down the halls of Bell Labs on a unicycle while juggling; he invented a rocket-powered Frisbee; and he developed "THROBAC-I," a computer that computed in Roman numerals.

There are only a few authentic geniuses in this world. Dr. Shannon was one and today we remember him for his accomplishments.●

RECOGNIZING ROBERTO ESTRADA AND THE WORLD'S LARGEST RED ENCHILADA

● Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, Saturday, March 10, 2001, marks a special day for the city of Las Cruces, NM. In a special ceremony, Las Cruces and Mr. Roberto Estrada will enter the Guinness Book of World Records. Roberto led the effort to make the world's largest three-layered, flat enchilada last October 8th during the annual Las Cruces Whole Enchilada Fiesta. This culinary triumph measured 33.89 feet in circumference, with a diameter of 10 feet, 5 inches.

Roberto Estrada has worked toward this day for about 20 years, each year slowly increasing the size of the enchilada. He is a native of Mesilla, N.M., and a graduate of Las Cruces High School. A community-spirited chef, he began pressing corn tortillas at the age of 15. In 1968, Roberto bought an old tortilla factory and created the New Mexico Mexican Food. He expanded and opened a restaurant next door, appropriately named Roberto's.

The Whole Enchilada Fiesta is a three-day celebration of southern New Mexico's traditions, people and great food. The community celebration centers around making a gigantic enchilada. Chef and founder of the fiesta, Estrada combines Southwest ingredients to make the crowd-pleasing enchilada.

You must realize a lot goes into making this enchilada. The recipe calls for 975 pounds of ground corn, grated cheese and chopped onions, in addition

to 250 gallons of red chile sauce and vegetable oil. Roberto designed the special equipment used to cook the enchilada, including the press, carrying plate, cooking vat and serving plate.

A downtown street in Las Cruces is closed for creating and cooking the enchilada. To start, 250 pounds of ground corn dough, or masa, is placed on the press and carrying plate and pressed to make the tortilla. It is then cooked in a vat of 550-degree vegetable oil. Once cooked, the colossal corn tortilla is laid on the serving plate. Roberto then ladles chile sauce and spreads cheese and onions on the tortilla. This completes the first layer of the enchilada and the whole process is repeated two more times. More than a dozen volunteers help carry the ingredients and work the equipment.

All these ingredients, equipment and labor come together to create what is now known as the "Largest Red Enchilada." After approximately two and a half hours from start to finish, the zesty dish is completed and served to the spectators who gathered to watch this event.

New Mexico is known for its diverse culture, great weather, and excellent food. Now there will be proof in the Guinness Book of World Records that the largest enchilada has been made by Roberto Estrada of Las Cruces, NM.

In a state that cherishes its chile, red or green, this is a Guinness honor that belongs in New Mexico. To pinpoint it even further, the Mesilla Valley in southern New Mexico is one of the more renowned chile growing regions in the country. And I salute Roberto for taking the initiative as part of the Whole Enchilada Fiesta to bring the world's attention to our love of good and spicy food.

I extend an invitation to anyone interested in being a part of this great annual event in Las Cruces.●

TRIBUTE TO RENÉ JOSEY

● Mr. HOLLINGS. Mr. President, it is an honor for me to recognize René Josey, who recently stepped down as U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina after five years. Mr. Josey brought 10 years of experience practicing law to the job and built a reputation for being more than just an administrator. He took an active role during his tenure as district attorney, prosecuting 13 criminal cases and earning the genuine respect of his staff and fellow attorneys. Although he raised his profile at the office, he remained an unassuming public servant and focused his energy on the tasks at hand.

His accomplishments are numerous, not the least of which include the group of experienced litigators he brought on board who have strengthened our state's legal system. René Josey has returned to private practice with Turner, Padgett, Graham & Laney, a Columbia, South Carolina law firm with offices in his hometown of Florence and in Charleston. It has been

a pleasure for both me and my staff to work with a talented individual like René and we wish him all the best as he continues his successful career.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:55 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill and joint resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 624. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation.

S.J. Res. 6. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, relating to ergonomics.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 31. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the importance of organ, tissue, bone marrow, and blood donation and supporting National Donor Day.

H. Con. Res. 47. Concurrent resolution honoring the 21 members of the National Guard who were killed in the crash of a National Guard aircraft on March 3, 2001, in south-central Georgia.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

At 12:11 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled joint resolution:

H.J. Res. 19. Joint Resolution providing for the appointment of Walter E. Massey as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

The enrolled joint resolution was signed subsequently by the President pro tempore (Mr. THURMOND).

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 624. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote organ donation; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.